

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—32) **Pages S1509–10**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1546.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD CYBER OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations from B. Edwin Wilson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Rear Admiral William E. Chase, III, USN, Deputy Director, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers/Cyber, Joint Staff, J–6, and Captain Scott Asack, USN, Acting Deputy Director, Global Operations, Joint Staff, J–39, all of the Department of Defense.

MILITARY FAMILY READINESS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded an oversight hearing to examine military personnel policies and military family readiness, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Thomas C. Seamands, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, Vice Admiral Robert P. Burke, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, N–1, Lieutenant General Brian T. Kelly, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Lieutenant General Michael A. Rocco, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Sergeant Major Daniel A. Dailey, USA, Sergeant Major of the Army, Master Chief Petty Officer Russell L. Smith, USN, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant Kaleth O. Wright, USAF, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and Sergeant Major Ronald L. Green, USMC, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET CONTROL ACT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Budget Control Act, focusing on a review of cap-adjusted spending, after receiving testimony from Theresa Gullo, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis, Congressional Budget Office.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 116th Congress.

FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY FRAMEWORK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy

principles for a Federal data privacy framework in the United States, after receiving testimony from Jon Leibowitz, 21st Century Privacy Coalition, Michael Beckerman, Internet Association, Brian A. Dodge, Retail Industry Leaders Association, and Victoria Espinel, BSA—The Software Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; Randall Rothenberg, Interactive Advertising Bureau, New York, New York; and Woodrow Hartzog, Northeastern University School of Law and Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Boston, Massachusetts.

UTILIZING SIGNIFICANT EMISSIONS WITH INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 383, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, after receiving testimony from Paul Sukut, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, North Dakota; Steve Oldham, Carbon Engineering, Squamish, Canada; and Kurt Waltzer, Clean Air Task Force, Boston, Massachusetts.

U.S. ROLE IN THE WORLD

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine assessing the role of the United States in the world, after receiving testimony from Stephen J. Hadley, former National Security Advisor, and William J. Burns, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING THE ELECTRIC GRID

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the electric grid from an electromagnetic pulse or geomagnetic disturbance, after receiving testimony from Karen S. Evans, Assistant Secretary of Energy, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response; Brian Harrell, Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nathan Anderson, Acting Director, Government Accountability Office; Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Energy Infrastructure Security, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Scott I. Aaronson, Edison Electric Institute, and Randy Horton, Electric Power Research Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; David W. Roop, Dominion Energy, Richmond, Virginia; Jim Vespalec, American Transmission Company, Waukesha, Wisconsin; George H. Baker, Foundation for Resilient Societies, Dayton, Virginia; Justin Kasper, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Caitlin Durkovich, Toffer Associates, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, and John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, and John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training, all of the Department of Labor, Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, Marco M. Rajkovich, Jr., of Kentucky, William I. Althen, of Virginia, and Arthur R. Traynor III, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the 45th anniversary of

the Native American Programs Act and the establishment of the Administration for Native Americans, after receiving testimony from Jean Hovland, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph M. Socobasin, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, Indian Township, Maine; Brian Vallo, Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico; and Joe James, Yurok Tribe, Klamath, California.

FUTURE OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of American industry, including S. 2, to safeguard certain technology and intellectual property in the United States from export to or influence by the People's Republic of China and to protect United States industry from unfair competition by the People's Republic of China, after receiving testimony from Brad W. Setser, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and Bonnie S. Glaser, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew Rush, Made in Space, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 1384–1416; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 22; and H. Res. 153–156, were introduced. **Pages H2269–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2273**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cárdenas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2237**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2240**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Father Philip G. Salois, American Legion National Chaplain, North Smithfield, RI. **Page H2240**

Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 8, to require a background check

for every firearm sale, by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 99. **Pages H2242–63**

Agreed to the Collins (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 98. Subsequently, Representative Nadler reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H2260–62**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–5, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H2254**

Agreed to:

Dean amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that clarifies that the exemption from the background check requirement in instances of